

AT WORK.

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watching him, and then relaxed into a dead-dock sort of silence.

In theatrical parlance there was a "stage wait." It went on so long, Mr. Chandler said, "There's a contest in Illinois."

Put it down so, Mr. Secretary.

"Kirk Hawes, who goes around the door and documents—There's a contest in Illinois, and I appear for the contesting parties."

Green B. Raum looked around the room and said nothing and refused to say anything.

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"Well, then it can be easily fixed. Pass it and go on with the roll."

"Passed."

One of the Committee—There's a contest in two districts in Pennsylvania—the Ninth and the Tenth. The members of the Ninth and the First Districts claim the seat held by a proxy from the delegation.

John Cessna, in a blushing sort of way—I was not aware of the contest in this case. I was not aware of a contest.

And the call was proceeded with until Tennessee was reached, when the Committee reported an informally relative to a proxy.

"Mark it," said Chandler,

"West Virginia."

"Contested."

On motion of Mr. Chandler, it was resolved that the Committee, which had been instructed to report the alphabetical and other mere formal changes that exist in the roll to the Committee, with the understanding that it had no power to do so.

After some consultation, it was agreed to take a recess until 5 o'clock, when the Committee would reassemble in the club room of the Sherman House.

PROXIES.

OREGON.

The Committee met at the hour and place mentioned, Mr. Conger in the chair, and all the members present except Lofland, of Delaware; Strout, of Maine; Tompkins, of Virginia, and Breeden, of New Mexico.

The first business was the matter of substitutes and proxies.

Samuel H. Hefner, of Oregon, stated that four of the six delegates were present. The Convention simply elected six, saying nothing about alternates or filling vacancies. He proposed that he be allowed to cast the votes of the absentees or that there be substituted men selected by the four.

A long debate took place, in which the position was taken by a few that the Committee had no power to do anything except pass on substitutes and proxies, and to report on existing delegates. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That E. N. Northrop and George H. Williams be appointed to report on substitutes in place of J. McCall and Samuel Hanna, who are absent.

ARIZONA.

Gen. McCorquodale, of Arizona, stated one of the delegates from Arizona, and Mr. Hancock, his alternate, were absent, and on his motion the Committee decided to recommend the substitution of Mr. Voseberg.

exasperated.

Judge Thornburg moved that J. W. Brown, an alternate for the First District of Tennessee, be substituted for R. E. Butler, a delegate who was absent.

Mr. W. C. Brown, an alternate, claimed that he was the alternate of Judge Butler, and that Brown was the alternate of the person having been appointed by the district Convention. This was rejected by Mr. Rogers.

Brown will be recommended for a seat.

After some talk on the subject, the Chair voted that the name of the alternate in the absence of his principal the name of the alternate would be reported.

None objected to this.

Then came up the contests, the States being called in alphabetical order.

ALABAMA.

RAFTER—SLIVENS.

Elwin Belcher, of Georgia, moved that the Committee recommend that James T. Rafter be substituted for Jerry Slivens as delegate from the Fourth District.

It was proposed that Rafter was elected by the Committee of the Fourth District, and his election ratified by a vote of the State Convention, but rescinded, and the Chair was directed to get his pledge to obey the orders of the Convention or refuse him credentials.

Rafter refused to pledge, and his place had been filled in Chicago at a meeting of the delegation of which he was not advised.

Mr. Patric had nothing to say.

